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Applicant: Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO, *et al.*

Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on December 04, 2001, please  
amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing  
changes is attached hereto.

9. (Twice Amended) A method for inhibiting synovial cell growth, comprising  
administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an  
antibody including a set of complementarity determining regions of an antibody produced  
by FERM BP-2998 hybridoma and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

13. (Twice Amended) A method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis,  
comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition